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James Wright, the Director of the Facilities Engineering and Real Property Division, is the Agency's functional leader and authority for the breadth of NASA's facilities matters.

Prior to assuming his present position, Wright served as Chief Engineer and Director for Capital Improvements for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, where he was the Senior Executive responsible for design and construction engineering and facilities acquisition for Navy shore facilities and the final technical authority for Navy on-shore facilities engineering policy, standards, and criteria. Earlier, he was the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's Director for Environmental Programs.



Prior to joining the Senior Executive Service with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in 1997, Wright was Chief of the Environmental Program Office at the John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida. He also served as Associate Director of Payload Processing, responsible for the integration and testing of Payloads for Space Shuttle and Expendable Launch Vehicles.

Wright is from South Carolina. He received B.S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Marine Science from the University of South Carolina, his M.S. degree in Marine Biology from the College of Charleston, and his Ph.D. in Environmental Biology from George Mason University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia.

Earlier in his career, Wright served as Marine Biologist at the Grice Marine Biological Laboratory in Charleston, South Carolina, and as Mechanical Engineer at Exxon Company USA's Baton Rouge Refinery. He entered the Civil Service as a Mechanical Engineer in the office of the Facilities Engineer at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. He subsequently served as design engineer and construction supervisor for the US Army's Fifth Signal Command in Worms, Germany, responsible for facilities design and construction for communications and data processing installations throughout Western Europe.

Wright received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive for 2002. While at the Kennedy Space Center, he was awarded the Kennedy Space Center Equal Opportunity Award and the NASA Medal for Outstanding Leadership.